

Chinese, including the members of this village, enjoy a higher standard of living than at any time in China's history.

Here, by using better farming techniques, you have freed up time and money for other projects, like your brick factory, your construction crews, your handicrafts. Your village has sponsored language classes in English and Japanese to help you in dealing with foreign tourists. Today, your village committee owns a dozen businesses, with 300 hard-working people now able to provide for their families. Many of you have opened your own businesses, and in only 15 years, average income here has grown 17 times. I congratulate you.

I also appreciate the fact that you have invested money back into your community in better schools, in better roads, in installing cable television to bring the world into your homes. Your achievements are a window for all the world to see what local democracy has brought to China and what a brighter future you are building for the children here with us today.

We Americans respect your devotion to family, to education, to work, your respect for the land and for your heritage. And we hope you will reap the fruits of your labor for many years to come.

Thank you again for making us all feel so welcome here in Xiahe. Thank you. *Xie xie.*

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:40 a.m. In his remarks, the referred to Yang Yunlong, chief, Xiahe Village Committee, and Mary Sasser, wife of U.S. Ambassador James M. Sasser. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Statement on the Supreme Court Decision in *Bragdon v. Abbott*

June 26, 1998

I am pleased with today's Supreme Court decision in *Bragdon v. Abbott*. This decision reinforces the protections offered by the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act for Americans living with HIV and AIDS. The ADA was enacted with strong bipartisan support to protect Americans with disabilities from discrimination. My administration argued successfully in this case that people

with HIV are disabled whether or not they have developed the symptoms of AIDS.

I am firmly committed to protecting all Americans, including those living with HIV and AIDS, from discrimination, and ensuring that each of us can benefit from all America has to offer. Today's decision will help in fulfilling that commitment.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

June 20

In the afternoon, the President went to Camp David, MD.

June 21

The President returned to Washington, DC.

June 22

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Nashville, TN, and in the evening, they returned to Washington, DC.

June 23

In the morning, the President met with President Mary McAleese of Ireland in the Oval Office.

The President announced his intention to nominate Jane E. Henney to be Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration at the Department of Health and Human Services.

The President announced his intention to nominate Thomasina Rogers to serve as a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced his intention to nominate Paul Steven Miller to serve as a Commissioner of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Marcia D. Greenberger as a member of the National Skill Standards Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Donald D. Runnells as a member of the Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board.

The President announced his intention to appoint Jerry L. Sinn as Federal member of the Delaware River Basin Commission and the Susquehanna River Basin Commission.

The President declared a major disaster in Minnesota and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by severe storms, straightline winds, and tornadoes on May 15–30.

The President declared a major disaster in Texas and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area threatened by extreme fire hazards on June 4 and continuing.

The President declared a major disaster in Massachusetts and ordered Federal aid to supplement Commonwealth and local recovery efforts in the area struck by heavy rains and flooding beginning June 13 and continuing.

The White House announced that the President will travel to Atlanta, GA, and Miami, FL, on July 9.

The White House announced that President Emil Constantinescu of Romania will visit Washington, DC, on July 15–17.

The White House announced that Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek of Poland will visit Washington, DC, on July 10.

June 24

In the morning, the President traveled to Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK, and in the afternoon, he traveled to Xi'an, China, arriving the following evening.

June 25

The President announced his intention to nominate Richard E. Hecklinger to be Ambassador to Thailand.

The President announced his intention to nominate Theodore H. Kattouf to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

June 26

In the morning, the President and Hillary Clinton traveled to Xiahe village. In the afternoon, they were given a tour of the Terra Cotta Warriors exhibit at the Xianyang Museum, where they later had tea with Gov-

ernor Cheng Andong of Shaanxi Province in the museum's VIP Room. Later in the afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton visited the Shaanxi Historical Museum.

In the late afternoon, the President and Hillary Clinton returned to Xi'an, and in the evening, they traveled to Beijing.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joseph H. Melrose, Jr., to be Ambassador to Sierra Leone.

The President announced his intention to nominate Susan G. Esserman to be Deputy United States Trade Representative, with the rank of Ambassador.

The President announced his intention to appoint E.R. Chamberlin, Frank Pugliese, and Timothy Beyland to serve as members of the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

The President announced his intention to appoint Senator J. James Exon as a member of the U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

The following list does not include promotions of members of the Uniformed Services, nominations to the Service Academies, or nominations of Foreign Service officers.

Submitted June 22

Lynn Jeanne Bush, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims for a term of 15 years, vice Wilkes C. Robinson, retired.

Submitted June 23

Jane E. Henney, of New Mexico, to be Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Department of Health and Human Services, vice David A. Kessler, resigned.

Barbara Pedersen Holum, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for